

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

By: Jerry Satterwhite, LCSW



There continues to be a lot of questions concerning supervision; who needs it; who can provide it; how long; and how many times. I will attempt to answer some of these questions and hope I don't raise more than I answer.

When beginning employment with a LBSW license, you are required to receive four (4) hours of "face to face" supervision for 24 months within a 36-month period. This supervision must be provided by either a LGSW or LCSW. After the 24 month or more period of supervision, the LBSW may practice social work without further licensing supervision as long as they remain in the same type of social work practice. For example, a LBSW who works for 2 years in an acute hospital setting and then becomes employed by a nursing home would be considered to be practicing within the same type of social work practice. However, if that same worker changed from an acute hospital setting to an

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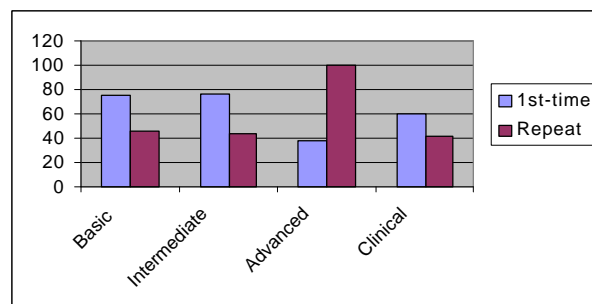
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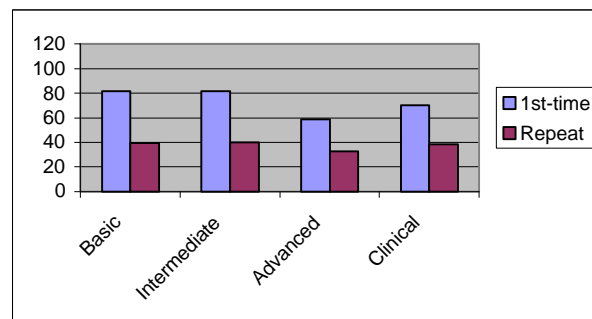
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ASWB 2000 Exam Pass/Fail Report

ALABAMA AVERAGE



NATIONAL AVERAGE



The Association of Social Work Boards provided the figures for the information above for the year 2000. The first chart is Alabama's averages, and the second chart is the National average. The average for "Advanced" exam is somewhat obscured because only nine candidates sat for that exam in Alabama. Out of the nine, one was a repeater that passed. This makes the passing average for repeaters 100%. Overall the averages are close to the national percentile. ❖

outpatient mental health setting, another 24 month period of supervision would be required. If supervision is provided within an agency setting or employment relationship, the supervisor may be either a LGSW or LCSW. However, if someone provides supervision outside an agency or employment relationship, they must be licensed at the PIP level. That PIP must also be licensed in the same practice setting as the person they supervise. If you need to contact a PIP, you can do so by going to the Board's Home Page – www.abswe.state.al.us - and clicking on the "PIP License Search" link. You can then enter the county name and PIPs in that county will be displayed. Click on one of the names to obtain information about what practice setting they are licensed in and how they can be contacted. LCSW applicants must also have four (4) hours of "face to face" supervision for 24 months within a 36 month period and must be supervised by a LCSW. If at any time during supervision either party initiates termination, it is the supervisor's responsibility to submit the evaluation and termination forms. These must be submitted to the Board for review within 30 days of termination. It is also the supervisor's responsibility to certify the number of supervision hours completed at the time of termination.

Persons providing supervision must be registered to provide supervision and approved by the Board in advance. A contract for supervision must be negotiated between the supervisor and supervisee and must be approved by the board. Forms, which may be used for this purpose, can be found on the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiner's Web Page. This includes a one (1) year evaluation form. If you do not wish to use the form provided by the board, you may submit documentation signed by both parties, which contains the following information at a minimum.

- The method(s) of supervision to be provided
- The type of social work practice to be supervised
- Hours, and
- Termination conditions

On a separate note, several board members will be attending the Association of Social Work Boards' Annual Educational Conference. The conference is being held in Memphis, Tennessee from April 20-22. The conference theme this year is "Social Work Practice.Com - Coping with the impact of technology on social work practice". This has become a "Hot button" issue during the last 18 months. As you can imagine, there are many pros and cons to delivering mental health services in this manner. We will attempt to share information from the conference with you via future issues of this Newsletter. ❖

NEWS RELEASE

EXAMINATION WRITERS SOUGHT

Interested in writing questions for the national social work examination? The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), which develops and maintains the exams, is seeking examination question writers. Writers are paid a stipend of \$1,000.

Writers should have a degree in social work, a social work license, and the willingness to work with an editor to produce 30 acceptable questions in about eight months time. They also must be available for the three days training in Virginia during the summer. Travel, meals and lodging expenses for the training are paid by ASWB.


Writers will be chosen on the basis of gender, ethnic and geographic balance along with credentials and expertise. Recent BSW graduates are needed, as well as experienced clinical social workers. Applicants will also be asked to complete a short exercise to indicate probable success in writing items.

To apply, send a letter of application and a resume to: ASWB, 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpeper, VA 22701. ❖

CONTINUING EDUCATION REMINDER

All licensees are required to report 30 hours of acceptable continuing education along with their renewal form and \$60 fee. All licensees – retired, living out of state, those not practicing etc. If you wish to hold a license you must report the required hours.

Wondering how
you're doing with
supervision?



A few years ago, the Virginia Board of Social Work became worried that social work supervision among its licensees was a bit of a game of chance, too. So it asked an expert, Dr. Carlton Munson of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, to do a clinical supervision curriculum guide.

Once the project was done, and there was a two-volume text, a video and a CD-ROM of the text, the board wanted anyone else who needed the material to have it. It's now being made available through AASSWB to boards, professional organizations, social work educators, and anyone who is supervising a candidate seeking clinical social worker licensure.

Prices are intended to cover production costs. Order by Discover, Visa or MasterCard by calling AASSWB at 1-800-225-6880, ext. 3010; or, order by mail at 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpeper, VA 22701.

Books only - \$35	CD-ROM only - \$16
Video only - \$20	Books and CD-ROM - \$49
Books and video - \$52	Books, video, and CD-ROM - \$67

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- Q. Can I be placed on an inactive status?
- A. No, you're either licensed or you're not, there is not an inactive status in this State.
- Q. Do I have to turn in continuing education hours to renew my license?
- A. Yes, everyone has to report continuing education hours to renew his or her license.
- Q. Can I start my post-graduate supervision to qualify for the LCSW Exam directly out of college without taking the LGSW exam?
- A. To receive supervision that qualifies for the LCSW Exam you need to be practicing social work. If you were practicing social work without a license or an approved application by this Board then you would be breaking the law. So unless you're already licensed as a LBSW, it is not possible. While you are taking the LGSW exam or preparing to take the LGSW exam, the experience you receive will qualify toward the LCSW application requirement.
- Q. May I use the 60 day grace period to complete the required continuing education if I have not yet obtained all the required hours?
- A. Yes, should you need additional time you may use the grace period to complete your requirements.

Notice Sent from: The Department of Human Resources

Released By: Bill Fuller, Commissioner

Dated 2/20/01

All Social Workers licensed as Private Independent Practitioners that perform adoption home studies to clients processed through the State Department of Human Resources for Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) and Interstate Compact (ICPC) will require married couples to be married at least one year before the process can be approved. All other State Department of Human Resources home study standards will remain the same.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following disciplinary actions have been taken since the last newsletter:

David deShazo, LCSW license revoked

Susan Pacher, LCSW license suspended for 3 years

Questions? You may reach me at the following:

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e-mail bholden@abswe.state.al.us

Telephone 334/242-5860 or 1-888-879-3672

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NEW LICENSEES

LBSW's

Abrams, Amy M.	Gallion	Dec-00
Baker, Cheneda S.	Gadsden	Dec-00
Barnes, Brandi	Daphne	Dec-00
Blackwell, Amy	Auburn	Mar-01
Bryant, Amanda E.	Birmingham	Jan-01
Buffaloe, Debbie	Oxford	Feb-01
Calvert, Deborah A.	Birmingham	Dec-00
Casey, Adrian	Fort Payne	Jan-01
Chaney, April M.	Tuskegee	Feb-01
Collins, Ginger W.	Samantha	Dec-00
Conner, Dawn K.	Birmingham	Jan-01
Cook, Caroline	Birmingham	Dec-00
Cost, Heather	Birmingham	Dec-00
Craft-Suggs, Angela D.	Parrish	Dec-00
Dollar, Toni M.	McCalla	Feb-01
Edwards, Elizabeth	Northport	Feb-01
Fondren, Ashley D.	Alabaster	Jan-01
Gordon, Lakeisha F.	Opelika	Feb-01
Hardin, Ryan Brandon	Birmingham	Dec-00
Harp, Shelley L.	Fyffe	Jan-01
Hewett, Haley C.	Birmingham	Jan-01
Holladay, Cathy W.	Cropwell	Dec-00
Johnson, Stacey H.	Albertville	Dec-00
Marbut, Karena M	Montevallo	Feb-01
McCray, Angela	Brundidge	Feb-01
Mouchka, Christy C.	Jacksonville	Jan-01
Parsons, Ashley S.	Birmingham	Dec-00
Pell, Leslie R.	Sylvania	Jan-01
Permenter, Jennifer J.	Mobile	Feb-01
Pinckard, Stephanie B.	Opelika	Jan-01
Potts, Anne H.	Sylacauga	Mar-01
Stovall, Marcus	Huntsville	Mar-01
Strickland, Janet L	Deville	Feb-01
Ulmer, Lee Ann	Demopolis	Feb-01
Wade, Holly A.	Birmingham	Jan-01
Westbrook, Quashandia D.	Opelika	Mar-01

New Licensee's Continued**LGSW's**

Bloch, Jeffrey F.	Auburn	Feb-01
Bonner, Jennifer A.	Tuscaloosa	Jan-01
Buck, Kellie	Columbus	Dec-00
Clark, JoAnn B.	Danville	Feb-01
Clements, Susan C.	Northport	Jan-01
Faulk, Monique	Phenix City	Mar-01
Gatlin, Shadasy	Maplesville	Feb-01
Harden-Robertson, Monica P.	Birmingham	Feb-01
Hutto, Emily A.	Linden	Feb-01
Miles, Lorraine C.	Huntsville	Jan-01
Newton, Tina T.	Tuscaloosa	Feb-01
Rhodes, Kelly M.	Mobile	Feb-01
Sibby-Forbes, Susan E.	Hoover	Mar-01
Steffes, Christina M.	Birmingham	Jan-01
Stephens, Laurie K.	Columbus	Mar-01
Still, Dolly S.	Gulf Shores	Dec-00
Watts, Alyce O.	Foley	Mar-01
Whitehurst, Takisha	Tuscaloosa	Jan-01
Wilburn, Karen B.	Huntsville	Mar-01
Wynia, Darla	Daphne	Jan-01
York, Kay S.	Columbus	Dec-00

LCSW's

Anderson, Laura M.	Daphne	Feb-01
Fowler, Karen	Seaford	Dec-00
Gaskell, Virginia	Pensacola	Jan-01
Herrin, Charlotte B.	Tuscaloosa	Dec-00

LCSW's cont.

Howard-Barrow, Margaret A	Homewood	Mar-01
Lewis, Melinda L.	Fairhope	Mar-01
Lewis, Melinda M.	Hayden	Jan-01
Love, Carol A.	Huntsville	Dec-00
Martin, Heather L.	Huntsville	Dec-00
Moody, Michelle	Miami	Mar-01
Nunnally, Deborah A.	Bessemer	Jan-01
Reale, Nancy M.	Danville	Mar-01
Reed, Alvin J.	Selma	Feb-01
Scott, Catherine J.	Pensacola	Jan-01
Shepherd, Cynthia M.	Birmingham	Feb-01
Smith, David M.	Northport	Jan-01
Wesley, Jane L.	Tuscaloosa	Jan-01
Waltman, Barry O.	Tuscaloosa	Jan-01

PIP's

Brown, Jerry R.	Guntersville	Dec-00
Cooksey, Mary J.	Talladega	Mar-01
Guest, Christy G.	Mobile	Mar-01
Hornsby, Joseph L.	Troy	Dec-00
Hunter, Mary D.	Tuscaloosa	Jan-01
Iverson, Laurel	Birmingham	Mar-01
Jackson, Nancy H.	Northport	Dec-00
Martin, Troy Scott	Tuscaloosa	Dec-00
Nunnally, Deborah A.	Bessemer	Mar-01
Owens, Sandra	Jacksonville	Dec-00
Smith, David M.	Northport	Mar-01
Stanford, Judith A.	Oxford	Dec-00
Turniage, Vicki H.	Northport	Mar-01

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